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## 1. Project Description

### A. Statement of GO Activity

The City Of California City is located in eastern Kern County. The City is approximately 206 square miles, of which 186 miles is OHV riding area. Members of the OHV community come to California City to enjoy the desert, and to ride their off highway vehicles. Due to the large amount of off highway vehicles coming to the City, the City has offered them a place to ride. The City has opened up a business trail approximately 11 miles, into the middle of the City so the people can ride on a trail to have OHV access to stores and restaurants. The trail is on dirt City Streets that have been designated as combination use roadways for OHV/Vehicular travel.

The City has non-populated neighborhoods with existing dirt City streets that the City permits OHV use. We will need signs to post which streets are open for combination use and rent equipment such as a grader or scraper is needed to maintain the main trails. The riding season in the City is almost year around. The City performs annual maintenance on these dirt streets but due to increase traffic from OHV,s the frequency of maintenance needs to be increased. When the roads and trails are used they at times become rough from the rain and traffic the emergency vehicles can not travel over the roads to assist any injured riders. Due to the amount of the people coming to the City we have a park called Borax Bill Park. At Borax Bill there are bathrooms, showers and fresh water available. The City has expanded the RV dump station so the people can dump the waste when leaving the OHV riding area. The lights at Borax Bill are solar most are in need of repair. We would like to get them fixed. The bathrooms at Borax Bill Park need to be maintained, and stocked with supplies for the people that use them. A maintenance truck is needed to transport signs, tools, and other equipment throughout the network of dirt City streets in order to perform the additional maintenance and manage OHV use.

### B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The OHV community come to California City because of easy access. We have a location called Borax Bill Park where they can get fresh water, use the bathroom or take a shower. We have a place to throw away the trash so they don't leave it in the desert. We are one of the few places that allow OHV to ride on a trail into the City so they can eat at local restuarants. The equipment would help maintain the roads and trails in our area so the riders can enjoy riding in a safe area for their family. By being able to maintain the roads, the first responders will be able to get to the injured people. If we are allowed to maintain the trail the the younger riders can enjoy the trail.

### C. Size of the Project

The riding area is approximately 186 square miles. There are 100's of miles of dirt roadways that has been designated as OHV trails. Throughout the area there is a motorcycle track that is privately operated, open City lands for OHV recreation, and miles of abandoned city roadways that have been designated by the City as authorized OHV trails.

### D. Location and description of OHV opportunities

There is a moto-X track in the area. There is a trail to the town of Randsburg, Ca, along with a trail to Jawbone. The City's Riding area has become a hub that has access to several other riding areas which do not have adequate overnight camping. Based on data collected through a local permit system, many of our OHV visitors come from the counties of: Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern, Fresno,Riverside and Tulare County.

## 2. Rerouting Requirements

### Rerouting

- (a) Does your project involve rerouting of any roads and trails?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If response to question (a) is 'Yes', a Project timeline, conceptual drawings and site plans are required (See 'Attachments' tab at the top of the screen)

If response to question (a) is 'No', skip details related to rerouting

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1. **Project Timeline (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**
2. **Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**
3. **Project-Specific Maps**  
Attachments: [Borax Bill Park and OHV riding area](#)
4. **Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
Agency: City of California City  
Application: Ground Operations

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	City of California City		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Ground Operations	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	<b>Staff</b>						
	Seasonal Maintenance Worker Notes : Seasonal - No Benefits / Regular Maint performed during off-season periods by Seasonal City Employee.	240.000	20.000	HRS	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00
	Senior Maintenance Worker Notes : Off-Season Repairs to facilities will be done by LE personnel who have completed the OHV riding season LE Duties.	312.000	28.000	HRS	8,736.00	0.00	8,736.00
	Heavy Equipment Operator	160.000	43.000	HRS	6,880.00	0.00	6,880.00

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	Other-Volunteer Wkr	200.000	15.000	HRS	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Park Attendant	624.000	20.000	HRS	0.00	12,480.00	12,480.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				20,416.00	15,480.00	35,896.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
	Portable Restroom Rentals Notes : 4 Months - Peak Season	4.000	224.000	MISC	896.00	0.00	896.00
	Other-OHV park trash dump	12.000	92.000	MOS	0.00	1,104.00	1,104.00
	<b>Total for Contracts</b>				896.00	1,104.00	2,000.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Irrigation Parts Notes : Repairs to irrigation system in OHV Park and water faucets	1.000	2500.000	MISC	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
	Janitorial Notes : Restroom / Shower facility at OHV park - Janitorial Supplies	12.000	150.000	MOS	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
	Other-Repair OHV Park Solar Lighting	6.000	500.000	EA	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
	Other-Signs	24.000	90.000	EA	2,160.00	0.00	2,160.00
	<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>				8,460.00	1,000.00	9,460.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Equipment Rental Notes : Up to 2 months of Equipment Rental	2.000	2000.000	MOS	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
	Other-Fuel for Equip/Maint veh	500.000	3.000		1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	<b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>				5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
	Other-Used Maint Trk	1.000	14000.000	EA	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
6	Others						
	Utilities	12.000	200.000	MOS	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Admin	100.000	48.000	HRS	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00
Total Program Expenses					54,072.00	19,984.00	74,056.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					54,072.00	19,984.00	74,056.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					54,072.00	19,984.00	74,056.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	20,416.00	15,480.00	35,896.00	
2	Contracts	896.00	1,104.00	2,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	8,460.00	1,000.00	9,460.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00	Currently, the team uses the beds of the response trucks (Previously purchased from 07-08 Grant) to carry maint. equipment such as sign posts, gravel, concrete, and cleaning supplies during slow times of OHV use in order to perform trail, facility, and other maint. Due to rough terrain, these trucks have increasingly been used to transport injured riders to flat lands where ground ambulance can transport to area hospitals. The Maint truck would fill this gap to ensure that the emergency response trucks are free from debris left over from maint duties and 1st aid gear would not be compromised from maint supply spillage.
6	Others	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	
7	Administrative Costs	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		<b>54,072.00</b>	<b>19,984.00</b>	<b>74,056.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		<b>54,072.00</b>	<b>19,984.00</b>	<b>74,056.00</b>	
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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

In the California City OHV riding area, there are no "Wetlands" that exist.

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

This particular OHV riding area was originally designed as a residential neighborhood. There are several neighborhoods interlinked together to form this specific "Second Community". The Second Community is a master planned community and designed to accomodate a large population. The original designers constructed streets in a regular city grid throughout the area.

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

The riding area consists of a network of existing city streets. Many of these streets are bladed dirt roads. Ther terrain is mainly flat and there are no known slopes or erosive soils that would be impacted by traveling on the city streets.

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

The existing dirt streets are in an area not visible from any state scenic highway. The riding area is surrounded by small hills on two sides and elevated terrain on the remaining two sides. The riding area is approximatley 15 miles from the main highway.

**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or

cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

**ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

The designated riding area is an unpopulated area consisting of dirt City Streets. The area was planned for moderate traffic volume. There should not be any significant impact to surrounding areas that would have an adverse affect for the project site. Currently the traffic volume is estimated at 20 - 25% of the area capacity.

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**



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**1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)**

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)  
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)  
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)  
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

**2. Failure to Complete - Q 2.**

2. Failure to complete the Project would result in: 8

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 8 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Loss of OHV Opportunity (6 points)  
☐ Negative impact to cultural sites (2 points)  
☒ Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat (2 points)  
☒ Potential trespass (2 points)  
☐ Additional damage to Facilities (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Without Maintenance of OHV Park Facility, then the City would need to close the facility due to current lack of funding to fully fund the operation of the facility. Nearby private home would likely experience trespassing from OHV's seeking basic restroom facilities. Without maintenance and proper signage OHV riders would divert off of designated trail and onto private property along trail into downtown California City. The trails would be signs to also keep OHV's away from the Desert Tortoise Natural Preserve that is near the City's boundaries.

**3. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 3.**

3. The Project would sustain OHV Opportunity by 9

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Maintaining trail or road tread (5 points)  
☐ Installing or repairing erosion control features (3 points)  
☒ Providing traffic control and/or educational signage (3 points)  
☒ Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc) (1 point)  
☐ Providing varied levels of riding difficulty (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Project would maintain main trails into and throughout OHV riding/camping area. Signs would provide traffic control through key intersections. Laws and local ordinances relating to OHV recreation would be posted at main entrances and serve as reminders to recreationalists. Cal City allows motorcyce, ATV, side-by-side, 4x4, and equestrian recreation.

**4. Public Input - Q 4.**

4. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)  
☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)

- ☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Monthly meetings with local OHV groups are ongoing. The City is working with 6 equestrian and canine clubs to hold events in recreation area to facilitate multi-use recreation in the City's open lands.

**5. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 5.**

5. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)  
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

California City Desert Incident Response Team VOLUNTEER unit, Friends of Jawbone, California City Public Works, California City Police RESERVE unit.

**6. Impact to Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 6.**

6. The Project will avoid and/or minimize impact to natural and cultural resources by 3

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 7 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Maintaining physical barriers to control OHV use (1 point)  
☐ Protecting water quality (1 point)  
☐ Providing bridges instead of wet crossings where appropriate (1 point)  
☒ Protecting special-status species (1 point)  
☐ Re-routing trails to divert away from riparian/wetlands areas (1 point)  
☒ Providing sanitary facilities (1 point)  
☐ Protecting cultural site(s) (1 point)  
☐ Site design precludes the need for the above measures (7 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Several miles of trail are near the fenced area of the Desert Tortoise Preserve Natural Area. Signs and physical barriers would be maintained to prevent intrusion into the special status species area. The project would maintain the only public access restroom and shower facility in the entire OHV riding area.

**7. Recycled Materials - Q 7.**

7. The Project incorporates recycled materials by utilizing 1

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Barrier materials which include recycled content or materials obtained onsite (1 point)  
☐ Signs, sign posts or education kiosks which use products with recycled content (1 point)  
☐ Erosion control features which use materials with recycled content (1 point)  
☒ Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content (1 point)  
☐ Other products with recycled content (Specify) (1 point)

**8. Sustainable Technologies - Q 8.**

8. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as 4

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)

- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Low flow plumbing fixtures
- Water efficient landscaping

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Park / Camp Site is uses solar lighting. The project would help repair and maintain renewable energy at the facility.

**9. Motorized Access - Q 9.**

9. The Project improves and/or maintains facilities that provide motorized access to the following non-motorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Camping

☐ Birding

☐ Hiking

☒ Equestrian trails

☐ Fishing

☐ Rock Climbing

☒ Other (Specify) [Canine Sports]